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and mixing the raw materials under heating in a dry system at a temperature where said binder is softened.

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5. (Amended) A friction material comprising a fiber component, a binder component comprising a hardener and a filler component wherein raw materials for a friction material are stirred and mixed under heating in a dry system at a temperature where the binder is softened.